SENATE BILL 2001

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50 and Title 56, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-121, is amended by deleting subsection (g) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(g) The advisory council shall issue an annual report that includes a summary of significant supreme court decisions relating to workers' compensation, including an explanation of their impact on existing policy. The report shall be due on or before January 1 of each year and shall include, to the extent possible, the decisions that were issued during the preceding calendar year. This annual report shall be sent to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the speaker of the senate, the chair of the consumer and employee affairs committee of the house of representatives, the chair of the commerce, labor and agriculture committee of the senate, and the chair and co-chair of the special joint committee on workers' compensation. Notice of the publication of the report shall be provided to all members of the general assembly pursuant to § 3-1-114.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-132, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

§ 50-6-132.

No later than January 1 of each year, the division of workers' compensation shall produce a report that includes a listing of the name of each covered employer that failed, during the preceding state fiscal year, to provide workers' compensation coverage or qualify as a self-insured employer as required by law. Only those employers whose

failure resulted in periods of non-coverage shall be included within the report. The report shall also include the penalty assessed by the division and the payment status of the penalty. The report shall be provided to the advisory council on workers' compensation, the oversight committee on workers' compensation, and the chairs of the senate commerce, labor and agriculture committee and the consumer and employee affairs committee of the house of representatives.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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